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A copy of the undermentioned paper is forwarded to the

Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore,

for information.

By order, etc.,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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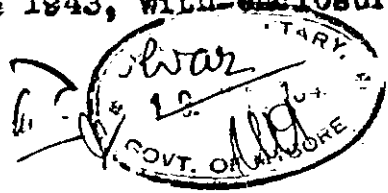
Letter from the Government of India (Department of Indians Overseas) No.F.128-1/43-O.S. dated the 1st June 1943, with enclosure.



No.F.128-1/43-O.S.
Government of India.
Department of Indians Overseas.
New Delhi, the 1st June 1943.

To

All Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners.

Government of Burma - Settlement of evacuees at Chunar Camp..

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of Burma have opened a camp at Chunar for the settlement of Anglo-Burman evacuees in India. Persons who desire admission should kindly be asked to send in their applications to the Secretary to the Government of Burma, Evacuee Welfare Department, Simla, giving the following particulars:-

(a) (i) Names and
(ii) ages of the applicant and of each member of his or her family.
(b) Race
(c) Occupation in Burma
(d) Income in Burma immediately prior to evacuation
(e) Extent of present
(i) Income
(ii) Assets
(f) Nature and or amount of evacuee relief at present received.
(g) Present place of residence.
(h) Present state of health.

A copy of the Rules for Chunar Settlement is attached.

2. I am to add that a further communication will be sent regarding the Anglo-Burmàn evacuees at present in camps maintained by the Government of India.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
Sd. V.Viswanathan,
Deputy Secretary.

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RULES FOR CHUNAR SETTLEMENT.

1. The object of the Chunar Settlement is to provide accommodation in the first place for Anglo-Burman evacuees who have no means and would otherwise be in receipt of evacuee relief and whose circumstances, are such that they cannot be expected to find employment, e.g. old people, infirm people, women with families whose husbands are in Burma and in the second place for other evacuees from Burma whom the Government of Burma may consider it desirable to admit to the Settlement.

2. (a) The Settlement has been established by the Government of Burma. It will be in charge of a Commandant who has complete authority to regulate all matters concerning its administration and internal economy and, subject to the control of the Government of Burma, his authority in all such matters is final.

In particular the Commandant is responsible for

(i) the allotment of accommodation;
(ii) the provision for those who need it of furniture, kitchen utensils, crockery, cutlery, linen and such like household necessities;
(iii) payment of allowances to refugees;
(iv) the payment of rent for the premises to house owners;
(v) communal activities and general welfare in the Settlement, e.g. the establishment of a Settlement Store, sports and recreation, medical attendance and conservancy;
(vi) communication with the District authorities and with the Government of Burma.

(b) Each tenancy will be on a month to month basis, and it may be taken that, so long as a tenant and his or her family observe these rules, and conduct themselves in a seemly and orderly manner, the tenancy will be continued from month to month as long as the Settlement continues or the tenant wishes to stay in it. No evacuee shall be held to be a member of the Settlement until he has been registered as such in the Register of Members by the Commandant. The Commandant is authorised for good and sufficient reason, subject to an appeal to the Government of Burma, to terminate the tenancy of any tenant of the Settlement. On written notice being served on a tenant of termination his tenancy shall terminate 30 days thereafter.

(c) The Commandant is empowered for good and sufficient reason in the interests of the Settlement and subject to appeal to the Government of Burma without terminating a tenancy to strike the name of any individual member of the Settlement or of any member of the family or household of a member off the Register of Members and to direct that individual to leave the Settlement within a specified time, which should ordinarily not be less than one week or more than one month.

(d) The names of every person comprising each household in the Settlement including servants living on the premises, must be registered with the Commandant immediately upon the entry of the member upon his tenancy. The name of any guest whom a member of the Settlement intends to accommodate in his house must be reported to the Commandant, who, if he considers it in the interests of the Settlement, may refuse permission for the guest to reside in the Settlement, in which case the member shall not receive the guest, or, if he has already arrived, see that he leaves at once. The Commandant may also required any such guest who has been allowed to stay in the Settlement to leave within a reasonable time, and in such a case it shall be the duty of the member entertaining him to see that he does so. Permission to receive a guest shall not be refused or cancelled without good reason, which shall be reported at once to the Government of Burma, The commandant will keep a register in which particulars of visitors will be entered.

3. While the Commadnant will try to allot accommodation, so far as possible, in accordance with the wishes of evacuees, his first duty is to make the best and most economical use of the available accommodation and at the same time to avoid over crowding. His decision, therefore, in regard to allotment of accommodation among families must be accepted by members of the Settlement, as final.

4. Furniture, cooking utensils, crockery, cutlery, etc. and linen are issued to members of the Settlement for their use while in the Settlement if they require it. The head of each household will sign for items issued

to him and will be responsible that proper care is taken of them. The Commandant will, if he is satisfied that any losses of breakages have occurred due to rough or careless usage for which the tenant ought to be held responsible, recover the cost of replacing or repairing the article lost or damaged from the tenant responsible.

5. Allowances will be paid ordinarily on the first of each month, except when that falls on a Sunday, and will be of amounts approved in each case by the Government of Burma.

Allowances are intended to cover the purchase of food, clothes and all other requirements, Government supplying lodging, education for children and medical attendance at the hospital free of charge.

6. Members of the Settlement will be entitled to medical attendance at the hospital free of charge. If they desire treatment in their homes, they will have to pay, if so required, the additional fee prescribed. In cases in which treatment by the Doctor at home is essential and the number of visits is such that it is not reasonable to require the household to meet it from its own resources or allowances the Commandant has authority to reimburse it from the Governor of Burma' War Relief Fund.

7. Communications from members of the Settlement with the Government of Burma and the District Officers will be addressed through the Commandant. He will be responsible to the District authorities for the orderly conduct of the Settlement.

8. Any member of the Settlement intending to leave Chunar for one night or more or permanently must, before doing so, report his intention and the address to which he is proceeding to the Commandant before leaving.

9. A middle school with facilities for teaching in the high department is attached to the Settlement. Education will be free except to the extent to which a charge may be authorised by the Government of Burma in the case of each family admitted under Rule 12, and it will be compulsory on all children of members of the Settlement of school-going age to attend, unless exempted on grounds of ill-health or other reasonable grounds by the Headmaster. Permanent exemption may be granted by the Commandant alone.

10. A grant has been made from the Governor of Burma's War Relief Fund to the Commandant to provide for the establishment of a Settlement Store. The Commandant is responsible for the stocking of this store and the retailing of goods from it. Retail prices will be fixed so as to cover the cost of the goods and the cost of running the store without profit. Credit will not be allowed.

11. Evacuees who are not without means may be admitted on the orders in each case of the Government of Burma. Such tenants will be required to pay such rent as the Government of Burma may require provided that rent will not be charged in excess of the rent paid by the Government of Burma for the accommodation provided plus a reasonable charge for any furniture, cooking utensils, etc. taken from the Commandant, and may be required according to their circumstances as adjudged by the Government of Burma: to pay fees and the cost of books and stationery for the education of their children at the Settlement school. Such tenants will enjoy the privilege of free medical attendance at the hospital.

12. A copy of these Rules and of the list of furniture etc. supplied to him will be given to each tenant on his entering upon his tenancy, and it will be a condition of his tenancy that he shall be deemed to have read and accepted these Rules.

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